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Dear Harold,

Sorry I haven't written for so long, but I've been quite busy with school. I've been putting aside the inserts you've been sending, and it was not until today that I got to sit down and go through them.

Several accumulated things are enclosed.

My book was rejected after very serious consideration by Little Brown. Harry Sions did not answer, though he earlier commended the book. The man who responded had much praise, but said the book was unpublishable because inconsistencies (his word) do not prove conspiracy on the part of so many government employees. This, as Sylvia agreed is not a valid criticism of my book, but it was expectable, I suppose. The man who said this also said he hoped I could find a publisher who felt other than this way, and wished me luck. I now have a lead at Ramparts publishing, though I'd be reluctant as hell if that is connect with Ramparts magazine, which has a bad record for plagerism on the subject, especially from you.

Our library has several copies of James Forrestal's diaries, to which you've directed me several times, adding that most (many?) copies were stolen after it appeared. At any rate, I checked it for what you told me I'd find about Forrestal "buying" the Italisn elections. That I could not find. The only related thing was a paraphrased account of Forrestal's conversation with some government official in Italy prior to the elec. From what I recall, he says he got the assurance of the head of state that he would not bend to communism as the Hungarian leader did, and the assurance that the Army was loyal. This has distinct implications, but I would not call it "buying"the election. I can get photostats if you wish.

A tells me they can find no statements from McHugh or Clifton, and has nothing re film by Powers.

Nothing else to report. My regards to Lil.

Best,

Howard